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MEXICO PASS LANDE OR ROSENBAUM

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, MTN

SUBJECT: MTN CONSULTATIONS WITH ANDEAN GROUP
REF: LIMA 4046 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY CORRECT IN PARA 2 REFTL THAT U.S. INTEREST IS
IN MEETING WITH ANCOM COUNTRY MTN EXPERTS. CONFUSION WAS
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CENTERED ON EXACT DATES FOR THIS MEETING AND WE APPRECIATE
EMBASSY'S RAPID RESPONSE IN CLARIFYING DATES.

2. MEETING WITH ANCOM COUNTRY MTN EXPERTS WOULD BE MOST
USEFUL FROM U.S. POINT OF VIEW SINCE WE WOULD HAVE OPPOR-
TUNITY OF EXPLAINING U.S. POLICY ESPECIALLY AS IT HAS EVOLV-
ED IN PAST FEW WEEKS. WE ALSO BELIEVE U.S. PRESENTATION

WOULD BE VALUABLE TO ANCOM COUNTRY MTN EXPERTS IN FORMULATING MTN POLICY.

3. WE, THEREFORE, PROPOSE THAT U.S. WORKING LEVEL GROUP MEET WITH ANCOM COUNTRY MTN EXPERTS MAY 15. DELEGATION WOULD BE LED BY ASSISTANT STR LANDE AND INCLUDE U.S. MTN DEL LATIN AMERICAN SPECIALIST WILLIAM KNEPPER AND STR STAFF ECONOMIST JON ROSENBAUM. CONSULTATIONS COULD BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE MAY 16 IF NECESSARY.

4. DAS RICHARD ARELLANO DOES NOT REPEAT NOT INTEND TO

VISIT LIMA NOR DOES DEPARTMENT BELIEVE SUCH COMMITMENT MADE AT OAS-SCCN MEETING. WE REGRET THE MISUNDERSTANDING.

5. IF SUGGESTED DATE IS ACCEPTABLE, REQUEST EMBASSY RESERVE THREE SINGLES AT MODERATELY PRICED HOTEL FOR NIGHT OF MAY 15. ARRIVAL AND FLIGHT INFORMATION WILL BE CABLED FROM MEXICO CITY. REQUEST EMBASSY REPORT ANCOM SECRETARIAT REACTION TO PROPOSED VISIT TO DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY MEXICO VIA NIACT, IF NECESSARY.

6. FYI ONLY: WE BELIEVE IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT USG BE ABLE TO INFLUENCE ANCOM MTN EXPERTS PRIOR TO THEIR REACHING CONSENSUS. AFTER SUCH CONSENSUS ACHIEVED, NEGOTIATIONS WITH ANCOM JUNTA STAFF CAN PROCEED IN GENEVA.
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THEREFORE, MEETING WITH JUNTA MAY 19 MUCH LESS VALUABLE IN USG VIEW THAT WITH COUNTRY MTN EXPERTS. END FYI. VANCE

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